

LET'S HEAR FROM 123

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: VOLUME 8- MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023
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Did you know...

- Beeswax, whiskey, potash, maple sugar, salt, feathers, bear's oil, venison, fish, lead and furs were used as currency in St. Louis city and county in the early pioneer days.
- John Sappington, one of the first families in St. Louis County used one of these to buy property consisting in size of one mile in width and three miles in length making a total of 1920 acres located in St. Louis County. Do you know which one he used?
- See below for the answer.

Thomas, W. (2011) The History of St. Louis County. County Living Publication.

Who we are

We are a TEAM of volunteers intending to bring as much information monthly to the 63123 community as is provided to us. Each issue will highlight activities from area schools, recognize the events and developments making positive changes to our community. To be effective, we need your input. So, LET'S HEAR FROM 123!

visit: www.afftonvolunteers.org

Whiskey is what researchers believed he used.

Celebrate Earth Day! Saturday, April 22, 2023

First held in 1970, this annual event demonstrates support for environmental protection. Did you know scientists have estimated that 8.8 million tons of plastic enter the ocean every year, threatening over 700 species of marine animals?

(source: National Geographic)

Ways to celebrate Earth Day- walk, ride a bike, plant trees or flowers and recycle.



63123 in Motion

ACVO sponsored the annual Breakfast with the Cougar Bunny on April 1. The AHS cheerleaders and their coach Alexa Berra assisted with the event.



Upcoming Events

- Salem Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 10am
- Cor Jesu Spring Musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, April 13-15
- Affton High School Spring Band Concert, April 26, 7pm
- AHS Drama Department will present the musical *The Addams Family* April 14 and 15 at 7:30pm
- ACIA meeting April 20, Affton Fire Station, 11am

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

ACIA (Affton Community Improvement Association)

This month at the March ACIA meeting the guest speakers were Dr. Deann Myers, Affton High School - Stephen Terrill, Bayless School District and Jonathan Butterfield, Lutheran High School.

Each person talked in depth about their districts and/or high schools. Their presentations included how they had enlarged their school campuses or how they were going to in near the future. They also discussed the effects of COVID and the pandemic on their students and staff. They spoke about the increases in student enrollment, diversity of languages and how students have adjusted to the expanded curriculum for college classes as well as trades, which need less schooling than a four year college degree. To receive a copy of the minutes from previous meetings contact Peggy Keilholz at ologyfam@att.net.



Presenting to the AICA meeting are Dr. Deann Myers, Affton, Stephen Terrill, Bayless and Jonathan Butterfield, Lutheran South.

Everyone is welcomed to attend the monthly ACIA meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, April 27, at 11am at the Affton Fire Station on Gravois. The guest speaker will address "An Equitable and Sustainable Plan for St. Louis County".

Affton Floor Hockey League celebrates 50 years at annual All-Star game

In 1971, Jackie Haas, a member of the Heege School Mothers' Club, started this iceless hockey program. It has come a long way since then and has thrived because those who have volunteered make it fun, they make sure everyone is accepted and that all the children learn how to play the game. It is open to all children, kindergarten through high school and is currently played on Saturdays at Rogers Middle School. Registration starts in late August or early September with the games beginning in late September, early October. The season has its annual All Star game in mid-March.



Affton Community Volunteers Organization

Greetings,
We hope everyone had a good March and received a bit of "Good Luck" during the month. Having extra time with family and friends would be good luck. Looking forward to April showers we can all enjoy the fresh smell of Spring and all the wonderful changes made by Mother Nature. With longer days we can plan more fun activities to enjoy outside.

Please help keep our community beautiful - remove all eyesores - pick up litter, pet waste and all unsightly debris. Plant flowers, trees and repair broken equipment when needed. Lend a hand, it helps make a difference.

Remember to visit the ACVO website - www.afftonvolunteers.org - for updates on activities and events hosted by ACVO volunteers in the 63123 Community. Have a fun and safe month!

Enjoy spring safely

Spring is a good time to do a home safety check both inside and out. Pay particular attention to those clothes dryers to make sure they are cleaned of lint. Test those detector batteries as well, if you need help just give us a call.

Stay safe,
Chief Fahs

Nick Fahs
Chief of Fire and EMS Services



Affton Fire
Protection District
Station 1
9282 Gravois Rd.
314.631.1803
afftonfire.com

Spring Cleaning for Fire Safety

Inside The Home	Outside The Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords. Check for water around electrical appliances. Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs. Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use. Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building.



Julie Varela, recipient of the Jackie Haas Coach of the Year Award, is with Director Mike Alexander and Ron Baechle (The Towel Man).

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



HELP SUPPORT AFFTON STUDENTS IN NEED

Please consider donating to the Affton Family Fund and/or donating your business services and time (i.e., free oil change, free haircut, etc.). Our District Social Worker, Ashley O'Daniel, uses this fund to assist our families. Just this school year alone, the Affton Family Fund has assisted over 50 students.



DONATE ANYTIME
bit.ly/AfftonFund

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Affton Southwest Precinct updates

Hello from the Affton Southwest Precinct! We hope all residents and business owners are enjoying the first half of the year as the officers of the Affton Southwest Precinct continue to work hard and strive to keep you safe in our community.

Crime trends continue to be about the same from last quarter involving stolen vehicles and catalytic converter thefts. Hyundai's and Kia's are still being targeted, and the thefts are occurring in residential areas. Please do not warm your car up unattended, lock your vehicles, and report any suspicious activity or vehicles to your local police stations. You are not bothering our officers with these types of calls because it helps them patrol their beats and deter crime.

We strongly encourage any interested residents to partner with us and attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

Please contact the Neighborhood Policing Office when your neighborhood or subdivision is hosting a meeting so an officer can attend and answer your questions.

Thank you so much for your support. Stay safe and contact us if you need anything!

Lt. Shawn McGuire & Affton Southwest Precinct personnel



ACFP Spring Requests

1. Cereal - All Brands
2. Entrees - Canned Meats, Chicken, Ham, Spam, Stews, Chili, etc.
3. Soup - All Variety of Soups
4. Meal Supplements- Rice a Roni, Mashed Potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Velveeta and Knorr Sides
5. Dry and Canned Beans
6. Rice
7. Pasta Sauce
8. Dry Pasta
9. Laundry Detergent
10. Toilet Paper
11. Shampoo and Personal Care Items



Adult Water Fitness Classes

Last 4- Week Session Until August

Affton High School Pool

8309 Mackenzie Road

Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 5

6 to 7 pm - Doors open at 5:30 - Enter door 16

1 Night a Week \$35 - Both Nights \$70

We offer Low Impact in the Shallow End and Deep-Water Exercises
A noodle is needed for both classes. You **Must** provide your own noodle.

We will have them on hand to purchase.

3 Ways to Make a Reservation

Call 314-633-5959 / email pknox@afftonschools.net

or visit <http://www.afftonvolunteers.org/community-activities.html>

Leave your: *Name * Contact number *Class day(s) M-W or Both &

if you would rather be in the shallow or deep end

Hosted by ACVO- Affton Community Volunteers Organization

Tower Tee

6727 Heege Road

314.833.3322 towertee.com

Hours:

Monday 10am-8pm, Tuesday- Sunday 9am-8pm

Fun for adults and kids: par 3 golf course, driving range, top tracer bays, footgolf, putting course/mini golf, and bocce ball. Batting cages are open!

Check their website for music on the patio!

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT



The Estates Display at The Preserve Now Open! Call Andy Babor @ 636-891-3693 for more details.



7385 Grant Road - St. Louis, MO 314-843-1700 - grantsfarm.com



Grant's Farm has been part of the Saint Louis landscape and in the Busch family for 120 years. If you haven't visited us recently, we invite you to come celebrate with us. We have new up-close experiences and events, plus special 120-year celebration activities.

Maifest: A German Celebration of Spring

May 5-7 and 12-14

This celebration will feature an array of German foods, libations, a Maypole and more. Tickets go on sale soon.



Starting April 15, Grant's Farm will be open for general admission visits where guests can enjoy the tram ride, animal feedings, carousel rides, and so much more.

2023 SEASON Preview

March 1st
Official Opening
Day for the season

- * Live Music 2-3 nights a week
- * STL CITY SC Game Day Watch Parties
- * Music Bingo the 1st Saturday of every Month
- * Trivia Every Thursday

Open for Business Wednesday- Sunday

www.9milegarden.com

AFFTON PARENTS CLUB AND **THE KINDNESS REVOLUTION**
OF ST. LOUIS PRESENTS: **'HEART ATTACK'**

THE AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT IS THE AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 'HEART ATTACK'?

- A way for the Community to tell our students they are loved!!!
- Every student at every school will be organized by Homeroom Teacher/ Advisor
- Each student will have a heart with their First Name and Last Initial on a heart
- On the back of the heart will be a personal message to each student
- Every heart will be taped to the schools on Sunday evening, May 7th
- When the students arrive at school on May 8th, they will see there was a 'heart attack' in their schools.
- Each homeroom/ advisor teacher will escort the students to go get their hearts and message of hope, love, and encouragement.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- We also need volunteers to help fill out about 3000 hearts and help put them on the buildings.
- It will take a community to show the children of Affton how much we care about them

Pickleball

Attention Students: 6 thru 8 Grade

Would you like to learn to play Pickleball or sharpen your Pickleball skills? Watch for details coming soon to your school.

AFFTON HIGH SCHOOL

AFFTON LADY COUGARS

Summer 2023 Girls Volleyball Camp

July 10th - 14th

Affton High School Gym

3rd - 5th Graders from 10AM - 12PM

6th - 8th Graders from 1PM - 3PM

\$50 per Camper/T-Shirt included

<https://afftonschools.revtrak.net/girls-volleyball-camp/#/list>

****Registration closes 4/30/23 (limited space available)****

Craft Sale and Flea Market

Treasurers Galore

Saturday, May 13 - 8 to 1 pm

Affton High School - Front Parking Lot

A Craft Sale and Flea Market is being sponsored by APC-Affton Parents Club, ACVO- Affton Community Volunteers Organization and Cheerleaders.

The sale will be from 8 to 1 pm and set up will start at 6:30 am.

Vendors may reserve an 16' x 18' space for \$30 before April 15. Cost is \$40 after April 15th. Spaces will be located on the Front Parking lot at Affton High School. You may park your vehicle in the rental space. You must mark your registration form if parking on the lot.

If you do so, you must be in by 7:45 am and may not move your vehicle until after 1 pm.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. THERE IS NO RAIN DATE - NO REFUNDS

For complete details and to reserve a spot go to www.afftonvolunteers.org - click on Community Activities

SCHOOL UPDATES



On March 4, five AHS alumni were honored at the annual Affton Education Foundation Gala as the 2023 class of inductees into the Affton Hall of Fame. Congratulations!

Sue Hasselbring (Class of 1981), Sheri Hogland-Brand, Gotsch Intermediate School fifth grade teacher (Class of 1985), Mark O'Bryan (Class of 1981), Denis Knock (Class of 1965), and Melissa Spellman Eckhard, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent (Class of 1992).



We had the honor of awarding the 2023-24 Building Teachers of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards to recognize our support staff. Congratulations to these very deserving team members! We hope you'll join us to help celebrate them at the SOAR Awards on Monday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Affton High School Auditorium.

2023-24 Building Teachers of the Year

- Mesnier Primary: Nikki Kirksey, Kindergarten Teacher
- Gotsch Intermediate: Elizabeth Trudell, Fourth Grade Teacher
- Rogers Middle School: Karen Karsten, SSD Teacher
- Affton High School: Caitlynn Ward, ELA Teacher



2023 Distinguished Service Awards

- Debbie Floyd, Custodian, Affton Early Childhood
- Natalia Juracsik, Custodian, Mesnier Primary
- Reshma Jakati, Instructional Staff Assistant, Gotsch Intermediate
- Jose Bolanos, Custodian, Rogers Middle School
- Jennifer Snethen, Instructional Staff Assistant, Affton High School
- Jim Eby, Maintenance, Affton School District

April sports schedules are on page 10.



Dan Ludwig, Social Emotional Learning Interventionist, and AHS students invited superintendent Dr. Travis Bracht, and members of the Affton Board of Education to learn about their work and the relationships they're building with residents at The Village at Mackenzie Place - A Lutheran Senior Services community. Each week, these students spend time with the residents teaching them about their phones and technology, playing games and, most importantly, making connections with each other.



Congratulations to the Affton High School Band, who had the opportunity to perform with the University of Missouri-St. Louis Wind Ensemble on stage at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

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Third grader Jeremiah Butler was given the "Do The Right Thing" award by local leaders in the middle of March. The awards are given out by a group of community organizations like KMOV, the St. Louis County PD, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, for students that show good character.

Jeremiah was nominated by one of his teachers for his kindness, patience and helpfulness towards his fellow students!

\$50,000 classroom makeover for BHS teacher

Bayless High School ELL Teacher Tiffany Maloney's classroom was recently renovated and redesigned with over \$50,000 of furniture. Tiffany won the Office Essentials Classroom Makeover contest in the fall, and the work was completed over Spring Break.

Tiffany shares the classroom with ELL teacher Matthew Gibson. The classroom works well as a welcoming hub for many Bayless students who have recently come to America without significant educational experience.

Fox2's Tim Ezell was at Bayless the whole morning of March 27 to show off the new classroom.



Bayless High School is excited to announce Dr. Alyssa Stock as an Assistant Principal, effective July 1.

A science teacher at Mehlville High School in St. Louis County since 2014, Dr. Stock will be moving into an instructionally-focused position at BHS. Her work at MHS included implementing innovative instructional strategies to meet the needs of diverse learners and improving curriculum to provide a high-quality education for all students to prepare them for life, college and career success.

Alongside teaching, Dr. Stock has served as an administrative substitute at MHS, acting as an assistant principal when absences required, and Summer School Principal. She also served on a number of committees and teams, including being the Chair of Character Education, a member of the Communications Advisory Team and the Mehlville Leadership Team.

The ability to communicate with all stakeholders (students, staff and families) is something Dr. Stock is excited to bring to BHS.

"I am thrilled and humbled to have been chosen to join the Bayless Family. My core leadership value is to build strong relationships with staff, students, and the community I serve," Dr. Stock said. "Please know my door will always be open and I look forward to listening and collaborating with each of you to ensure the well-being and academic success of every student!"

Dr. Stock was unanimously approved by the Bayless Board of Education during the Tuesday, March 14 meeting.



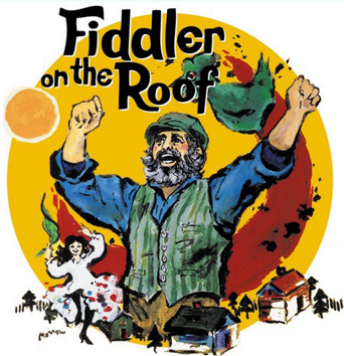
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Save the Date - Spring Musical

Cor Jesu Academy's spring musical is showing *Fiddler on the Roof*. Musical dates are April 13-15.



Cor Jesu Junior Class received their Junior Rings this past month



Shoutout to the Chargers who donated over 140 inches of hair at our **Haircuts for Love** event.

Cor Jesu students, parents and faculty were serving at a variety of sites all across the St. Louis community at the annual Spring Service Saturday on March 4.



Registration summer camps is open! For all the information and to register, visit www.corjesu.org/camps.



Congrats to Cor Jesu's racquetball team for placing second at Nationals!

7th Grade Social

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

7th grade girls are invited back to campus to play Blacklight Bingo while mingling with current CJA students! Don't miss this fun opportunity to experience our sisterhood.

Varsity Soccer

- 4/3: @ Nerinx 4pm
- 4/4: @ Visitation 4pm
- 4/7: @ Lindbergh 5:45pm
- 4/12: @ Eureka 6pm
- 4/15: @ Edwardsville 10am
- 4/17: vs Marquette 4:30pm
- 4/19: vs St. Joe 4pm
- 4/24: @ Francis Howell 7pm
- 4/25: vs Wentzville 5:30pm
- 4/27: @ St. Dominic 6pm

JV Soccer

- 4/3: @ Nerinx 5:45pm
- 4/4: @ Visitation 5:30pm
- 4/7: @ Lindbergh 4pm
- 4/12: @ Eureka 4:30pm
- 4/17: vs Marquette 6pm
- 4/19: vs St. Joe 5:30pm

Freshman Soccer

- 4/3: vs Nerinx 4pm
- 4/5: vs Oakville 5pm
- 4/14: vs St. Joe 4:30pm
- 4/17: @ Marquette 4:30pm

Cor Jesu Sports - April

Varsity Lacrosse

- 4/5: vs Westminister 4pm
- 4/11: vs Visitation 4pm
- 4/13: @ Eureka 6pm
- 4/14: vs St. Joe 4pm
- 4/17: vs Villa 4pm
- 4/19: @Parkway S 4pm
- 4/25: vs MICDS 4pm
- 4/27: vs Nerinx 4pm
- 4/28: vs Lafayette 4:30pm

JV Lacrosse

- 4/5: vs Westminister 5pm
- 4/11: vs Visitation 5pm
- 4/13: @ Eureka 4:30pm
- 4/14: vs St. Joe 5:30pm
- 4/17: vs Villa 5pm
- 4/19: @Parkway S 5:30pm
- 4/25: vs MICDS 5pm
- 4/27: vs Nerinx 5:30pm
- 4/28: vs Lafayette 5:30pm

Track & Field

- 4/15: @ Chaminade 9am
- 4/26: @Luthern N 4pm

SCHOOL UPDATES



**LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH**

April sports
schedules are
on page 10.

The Lancer softball team made Academic All-State as a team for having an average 3.5 GPA or higher. Four players individually made the Academic All-State Team, as well. Congratulations to Sarah Bussen, Lindy French, Olivia Flieg and Ella Robinson.



Garrick Springer and Ty Smith are National Merit Finalists. These seniors earned scores in the top one percent of students nationwide who took the PSAT last year. This award qualifies them for academic scholarships across the country. Garrick plans to study computer science at the University of Tulsa, and Ty is interested in pursuing mechanical engineering at Florida State University. We know they will be successful wherever they go.



The Wind Symphony received not one, but two Exemplary ratings at the MSHSAA District Large Ensemble Festival. LuSo musicians received the top rating for their overall performance, as well as sight reading. The Concert Band also performed well, earning a Satisfactory rating overall and an Outstanding rating for their sight reading. We are proud of all our musicians.



The Mock Trial team placed third in regionals, earning a spot in the State Championship Tournament later this month in Kansas City. Congratulations to LuSo lawyers Anna Saitz, Ella Kasperek, Bella Bracken and Kallista Nguyen and the witnesses Troy Luhning, Aria Hofius and Bain Story.



Lutheran South junior Ella Arbeiter took third in State in both the 200 and 500 freestyle. She swam a personal best in the 200 with a 154.02, breaking her own record at Lutheran South.



The Lancerettes took second in hip hop and fourth in pom at the state competition in Kansas City. Several dancers, including Peace member Cece Palma, were additionally recognized for their dedication in the classroom.



We raised \$5,000 at our annual Make-A-Wish basketball games to send Molly to Disney World! This is the seventh year in a row that the Lutheran South basketball team has partnered with Make-A-Wish to make a dream come true.



SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATES

Due to the Increase of Sports We Have Included a link with all sports games for each school



Affton Sports - April

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=185>



Bayless Sports - April

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=1315>



Lutheran South Sports - April

<https://www.arbiterlive.com/Teams?entityId=13397>

SCHOOL UPDATES



SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

5025 Lakewood Avenue
St. Louis, MO. 63123
314-353-9242 - www.slcas.org

Scenes of fun events at Salem Lutheran during the month of March.



Kindergarten signing

Grandparents' Day



Spirit Week



School Musical



Holy Cross Academy
8874 Pardee - St. Louis, MO 63123
Intermediate Campus
7748 Mackenzie Road St. Louis, MO 65123
Early Education Center



Thank you

Our thanks to all who participated to make volume eight of LET'S HEAR FROM 123. Enjoy the spring weather and plant some flowers! See you at the end of next month!